

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows:

1. (Currently amended) A method for performing automated distribution and billing, comprising:
 - providing a negotiation forum between a delivery entity and a receiver entity;
 - receiving, at the negotiation forum, metadata associated with an application from a delivery entity;
 - presenting the metadata associated with the application to the receiver entity;
 - receiving an acceptance of the metadata by the delivery entity and the receiver entity;
 - configuring a catalog for the receiving entity associating the application and the metadata in a central repository;
 - sending the catalog information to the receiver entity;
 - receiving indication that a transaction of the ~~product~~ application has occurred; and
 - transmitting billing information to the receiver ~~entity~~ entity.
2. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein the transaction includes information about the application being downloaded to a wireless device.
3. (Currently amended) The method of claim 1, wherein the negotiation forum uses a secure extranet accessible by the delivery entity and receiver entity.
4. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein the metadata includes billing information associated with the application.
5. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein the receiver entity is a carrier.
6. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein in the delivery entity is a developer.
7. (Currently amended) A system for performing automated distribution and billing, comprising:
 - means for providing a negotiation forum between a delivery entity and a receiver entity;

means for receiving, at the negotiation forum, metadata associated with an application from a delivery entity;

means for presenting the metadata associated with the application to the receiver entity;

means for receiving an acceptance of the metadata by the delivery entity and the receiver entity;

means for configuring a catalog for the receiving entity associating the application and the metadata in a central repository;

means for sending the catalog information to the receiver entity;

means for receiving indication that a transaction of the ~~product~~ application has occurred;

and

means for transmitting billing information to the receiver entity.

8. (Original) The system of claim 7, wherein the transaction includes information about the application being downloaded to a wireless device.

9. (Currently amended) The system of claim 7, wherein the negotiation forum uses a secure extranet accessible by the delivery entity and receiver entity.

10. (Original) The system of claim 7, wherein the metadata includes billing information associated with the application.

11. (Currently amended) A computer-readable medium ~~having computer executable comprising instructions, which, when executed by a computer, cause the computer to perform operations, the instructions that when execute perform a method for performing automated distribution and billing~~, comprising:

at least one instruction for providing a negotiation forum between a delivery entity and a receiver entity;

at least one instruction for receiving, at the negotiation forum, metadata associated with an application from a delivery entity;

at least one instruction for presenting the metadata associated with the application to the receiver entity;

at least one instruction for receiving an acceptance of the metadata by the delivery entity and the receiver entity;

at least one instruction for configuring a catalog for the receiving entity associating the application and the metadata in a central repository;

at least one instruction for sending the catalog information to the receiver entity;

at least one instruction for receiving indication that a transaction of the ~~product~~ application has occurred; and

at least one instruction for transmitting billing information to the receiver entity.

12. (Currently amended) The computer readable means of claim [[14]] 11, wherein the transaction includes information about the application being downloaded to a wireless device.

13. (Currently amended) The computer readable means of claim [[14]] 11, wherein the negotiation forum uses a secure extranet accessible by the delivery and receiver entity.

14. (Currently amended) The computer readable means of claim [[14]] 11, wherein the metadata includes billing information associated with the application.

15. (Currently amended) An automated distribution and billing system, comprising: an extranet accessible by multiple carriers and multiple developers ~~and which use~~ used as a negotiation forum;

a server having a central repository that stores metadata associated with an application; and

a transaction server operable to receive transaction data associated with the downloading of a ~~product~~ the application and, using the metadata, ~~determines~~ operable to determine billing information associated with the downloading of the ~~product~~ application.

16. (Original) The system of claim 15, wherein the transaction server sends the billing information to a carrier.

17. (Original) The system of claim 15, wherein the transaction server sends the billing information to a developer.

18. (Currently amended) The system of claim 15, wherein the transaction data is associated with a ~~product~~ is the application downloaded to a wireless device.

19. (Original) A system for distributing applications over a wireless network, comprising:

a centralized processor operable to perform administrative functions associated with downloading an application to a wireless device;

a local processor connected to the centralized processor and operable to receive catalog data and the application from the centralized processor, to transmit the catalog and application to the wireless device, and to record transaction data associated with the transmission of the application; and

a transaction server connected to the centralized processor and the local processor and operable to receive metadata information from the centralized processor, receive transaction data from the local processor, and process the metadata information and transaction data for billing.